

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 21, 22, 24, and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Izumi et al. (US 2003/0112400).

Claims 3 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Izumi et al. in view of Harada et al. (US 6,392,725).

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 7-20 and 27-40.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant cancels claims 1-5 and 21-25 to place the application in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is now in immediate condition for allowance, with claims 7-20 and 27-40 being allowed. Thus, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 7-20 and 27-40.

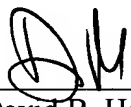
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner believe that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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